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Q: HOW CAN YOU DO THAT?

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FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CREDITS PROPOSED FOR TURKEY IN 1978.

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Q: DID THE ADMINISTRATION MAKE ANY EFFORT AT ALL TO SAVE THAT? IT LOOKS LIKE A DEAL WAS STRUCK THE DAY AFTER YOU PROPOSED IT.

A: WELL, I THINK OUR VIEWS WERE PRESENTED RATHER COGENTLY IN TESTIMONY BY COUNSELOR NIMETZ ON APRIL 21ST AND OTHER APPEARANCES BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES IN THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS.

THE CONGRESS HAS MADE OTHER MODIFICATIONS IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAM OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE, AND I WOULD NOTE THAT IT HAS APPROVED APPARENTLY THE REST OF THE PROGRAM FOR TURKEY. SO IN THAT SENSE WE ARE NOT ENTIRELY DISAPPOINTED.

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Q: WILL THIS ADD STRAINS TO THE RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY?

A: I WOULDN'T WANT TO SPECULATE ON THAT. IT IS A PROGRAM THAT WE SUPPORTED AND WHICH WE ARE TRYING TO GET.

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